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Newsletter for the Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association, Inc.



CALENDAR

- April.....5, **PAARA Meeting**, 7:30
Menlo Park Recreation Center
700 Alma Street, Menlo Park
- April.....10, **PAARA Board Meeting**, 7:30
Red Cross Bld., 400 Mitchell Ln., Palo Alto
- May.....3, **PAARA Meeting**, 7:30
- May.....8, **PAARA Board Meeting**, 7:30
- June.....7, **PAARA Meeting**, 7:30
- June.....12, **PAARA Board Meeting**, 7:30

The ARRL has a code practice:

URL <http://www.pcpractice.com/CW/>
-Don KF6JMQ

PROGRAM

April 5, 2002 7:30 P.M.



Speaker:

(Program unknown at press time)

Join us for pre-meeting eyeball

at Su Hong Restaurant, 1039 El Camino Real, Menlo Park
Food will be served at 6:00 sharp, so guests will be on time for the PAARA meeting. Those arriving late will be responsible for their own order and bill.

—PAARA Radio NET every Monday evening at 8:30 P.M., local time—
on the 145.230 -600 MHz repeater, PL tone off

Newsletter article about other problems facing hams in cooler climates. I know the people that use these towers.

Howard

COOL TOWERS

Last holiday season I went to N.E. Oregon (Pendleton) for a three week visit with the family. My brother is also a Ham so I also belong to the local Ham Club there and have met and talked with most of the locals who are active in the club. After a recent storm they noticed that one of their most popular repeaters was off the air along with another repeater having degraded performance and the Packet Node was down too. They decided to make a visit to the Repeater Site which in December requires a lengthy trip by Snowmobile. Three snowmobiles and 4-5 people made the trip. We make all kinds of complaints about tower problems and wind loading of our antennas here in mostly sunny California. Take a trip to the following web site and see what a little Ice and Snow Storm can do when added to some high winds. The Tower shown is Rohn 45 which is pretty substantial. Especially when the only antennas on it were Verticals. Look at all the photos as there are several comments made about this tower and the other Repeater Tower in the background.

See photos at: <http://www.digitalhams.com/spout/>

The Repeater location is near Tollgate, Oregon.

-Howard Califf, KE6PWH



Miscellaneous Dates

ELECTRONIC FLEA MARKET

Second Saturday of month, March-October, 6 AM-2PM

PAARA Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association

meets 1st Friday 7:30 each month, Net 145.230 each Monday 8:30,
contact: Andreas Junge N6NU (650) 233 0843

FARS Foothills Amateur Radio Society

meets 4th Friday 7:30 each month,
contact: Sheldon Edelman N6RD, 650 493 7212, n6rd@earthlink.net

NCDXC Northern California DX Club

meets 2nd Friday 7:30 each month, repeater for member info 147.360, Thur 8:00PM,
contact: Bob Mammarella KB6FEC 408 729 1544.

NorCalQRP Northern California QRP Club

meets 1st Sunday each month,
contact: Jim Cates 3241 Eastwood Rd., Sacramento, CA 95821.

Perham Foundation,

contact: (408) 734 4453,

SPECS Southern Peninsula Emergency Communication System

meets each Monday 8:00PM on Net 145.27, 440.80 MHz, www.specsnet.org
contact: Tom Cascone, KF6LWZ, 650-688-0441 .specs@svpa.org

SCARES South County Amateur Radio Emergency Service

meets 3rd Thursday 7:30 each month, San Carlos City Hall.
Net is on 146.445 [PL 114.8] & 444.50 (PL-100) 7:30 Monday evenings.
contact:

SCCARRA Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association

Operates W6UU repeater 146.385+ Nets: 2m, W6UU, 7:30 Mon; 10m,
28.385, 8:00 Thur. meets 2nd Mon each month.
contact: Jack Ruckman AC6FU

SVECS Silicon Valley Emergency Communications

Operates WB6ADZ repeater (146.115 MHz+)
contact: Lou Stierer WA6QYS 408 241 7999

WVARA West Valley Amateur Radio Association

operates W6PIY repeater 147.39+, 223.96, 441.875, 1286.2
meets 3rd Wed every month.
contact: Glen Lokke Jr. KE6NBO at 408 971 8626, or glokke@pacbell.net

Disaster Services,

PALO ALTO CHAPTER, American Red Cross, www.paarc.org

400 Mitchell Lane

Meets 3rd Wed. each month 7:30PM,

HF, packet, BBS, ATV, OSCAR Gateway, NASA satellite

contact: Mac Millian 650-688-0423. MACM@paarc.org

SAN JOSE CHAPTER, American Red Cross

contact: Scott Hensley KB6UOO, (408) 967 7924, FSHENSLEY@NOVELL.COM

VE Exams, 3rd Saturday each month, 10:30AM, 145.23- PL=100Hz

Redwood City Main Library, Community Conference Room

1044 Middlefield Road, Redwood City, CA

contact: Al WB6IMX@att.net.

Swap meet, LosPositas College, Livermore, 1st Sunday each month.

Contact: Cliff Kibbe (209) 835 6715 or Eliot Ross (925) 606 7710

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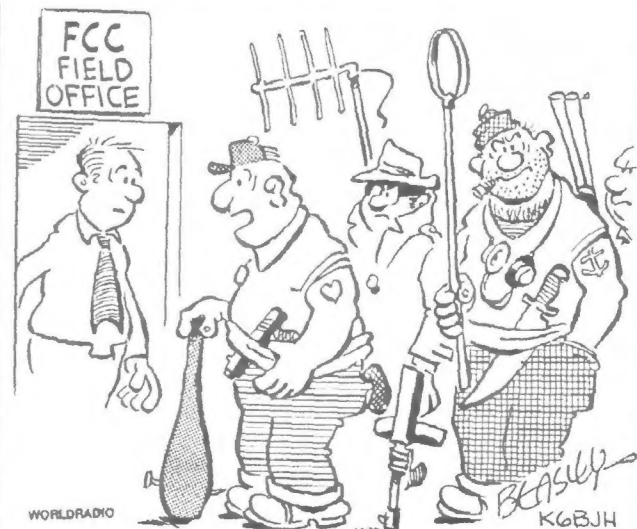
QSO April 5th

gab & gobble

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6 pm— at Su Hong Restaurant
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—across from Kepler's Book Store—

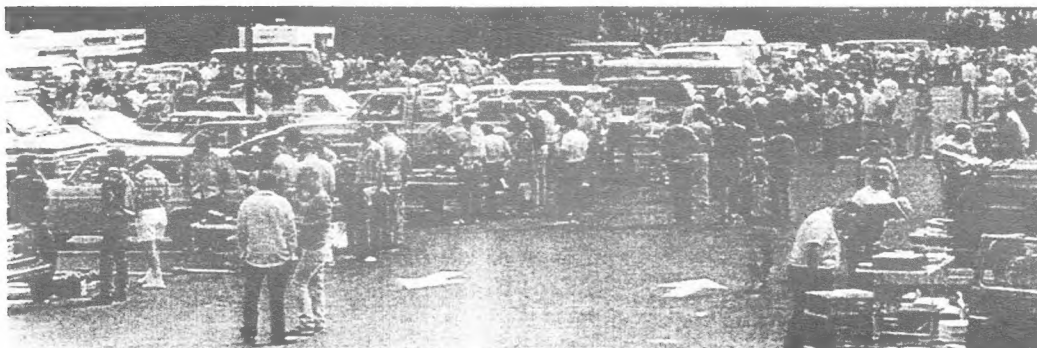


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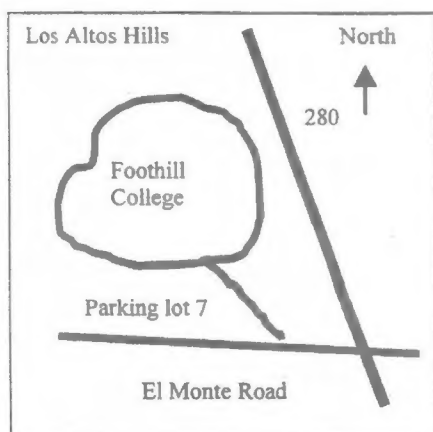
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- ★ Refreshments provided by beneficiary organization

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Locator Map:



Date	Beneficiary Organization
March 9	South Peninsula Amateur Radio Klub (SPARK)
April 13	Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association (SCCARA)
May 11	South Peninsula Emergency Communications System (SPECS)
June 8	Foothill Amateur Radio Society (FARS)
July 13	Silicon Valley Emergency Communications System (SVECS)
August 10	West Valley Amateur Radio Association (WVARA)
September 14	Palo Alto Chapter, American Red Cross
October 12	Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association (PAARA)

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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or contact the Rick Joslin website at <http://www.electronicfleamarket.com>.

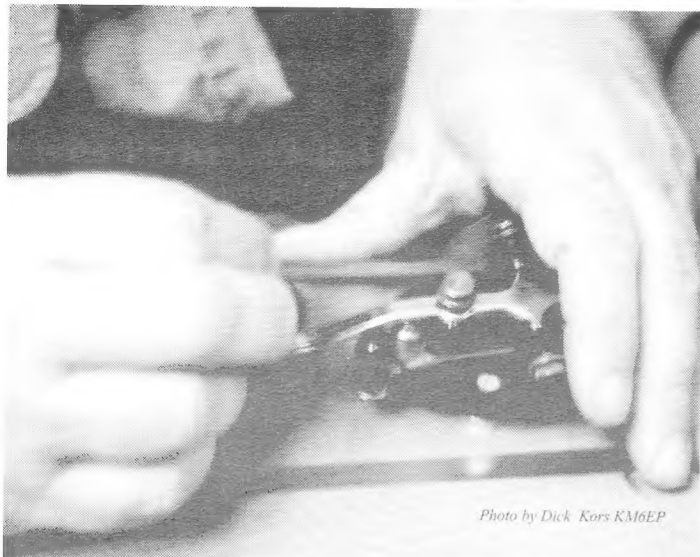


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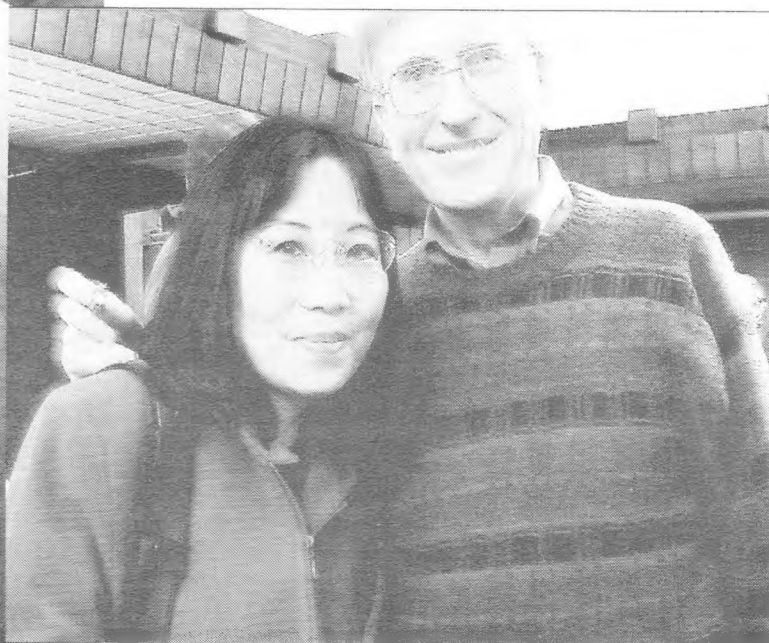
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It's That Way



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The Reader



Happy Hams

Practice Helps!

Author: Rob Carr N3RTR

There's a rule in public safety about emergency and disaster operations: You do in a disaster what you do every other day. I've been in enough emergencies and disasters to vouch for this rule. During a disaster, you don't have time to pull out the disaster plan. You don't even have time to sit back and try to remember what the disaster plan is supposed to be. You simply do whatever you do every day, only a lot quicker and with fewer rest breaks. I believe this applies to amateur radio as well. If you don't use proper radio procedure when you're talking on the repeater, you're not likely to use it when you're in an emergency response. If you don't handle radiograms now and then, you'll have trouble doing it when "The Big One" hits. If you're not used to running (or even checking into) a directed net, you're much more likely to cause disruptions to a directed net during an emergency. If you want to be ready for emergencies:

1. Always use good radio procedure, even during drive-home QSOs on the local repeater.

2. Hop onto a traffic net now and then and handle some traffic. This means sending traffic now and again. The traffic pads from the ARRL are helpful, but they're even better if you've had practice using them!

3. Check into nets - informal and directed. Act as NCS on a directed net when you get the chance (but let others have a shot, too!).

4. Help out with the non-emergency amateur radio events. Pittsburgh EMS regularly uses the Pittsburgh Marathon as "practice" for a disaster, and I believe that the amateur radio operators who work that (and other events) are much better prepared for a disaster as well.

5. Field Day and contests can be used as a way to "shake down" your system. I hilltop during a lot of VHF contests so that my equipment will work if I have to "hilltop" during a disaster.

Reprint via Rich, W6APZ

BADGES

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